ARE IN A SORRY PLIGHT.

Middle of the Roaders Now Trying to Explain.

THE STORY THEY ARE ALL TELLING

Prohibition State Convention at Dallas. The German Post Will Await the Galveston Convention.

Austin, Texas, July 28.—The 103 immortal middle of the roaders from Texas have come back from St. Louis with a stereotyped story on their lips for home use, with which they hope to fool their people into remaining in line with them. Williams told it here, Gere told it at Dallas and as fast as the rest of the crowd lands it is being repeated to all who will listen. "We have nominated a splendid ticket; our platform is all right; Bryan will accept our nomination and Sewall will withdraw," is the way it goes.

[illegible] of the roaders know that they and their party have been paralyzed, but it would never have done for them to have returned prepared to admit their discomfiture. To allow that the St. Louis convention was a stupendous failure from a populist point of view would be equivalent to subscribing to the belief which has taken hold of many of their party associates, as well as of other partisans that there is no longer any foundation for their State organization to rest on.

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DEWITT COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Cuero, Texas, July 29.—The republicans of DeWitt county met in convention last evening at Germania hall in this city for the purpose of electing delegates to the district and State conventions. Yoakum sent a large delegation and Yorktown was well represented. The meeting was attended by the usual stormy proceedings, but harmony was finally restored.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Drawe and the election of temporary chairman resulted in the selection of Dr. T. H. Lindsley. F. P. Sames was elected temporary secretary.

The chair was instructed by a vote of the house to appoint a committee to select delegates to the various conventions. Delegates to the State convention at Fort Worth are as follows: R. H. Norwood, alternate, S. H. Giles; Otto Buchel, alternate, William Wagner; William Westhoff, alternate, H. Stark; H. K. McCoy, alternate, D. F. Fields; Dr. T. H. Lindsley, alternate, G. R. Prince.

To the district convention at Corpus Christi the following were elected: F. Krage, alternate, F. P. Sames; R. P. Parker, alternate, J. L. Snider; Harvey Snow, alternate, George Ramey; J. H. Farris, alternate, William Drawe. The delegates to both conventions were sent unincumbered.

The chair was instructed to appoint a committee on resolutions and the following was selected: S. Spiggs, R. F. Harper, Otto Buchel, B. R. Burow, George M. Pridgen, D. F. Fields, G. L. Prince.

The committee on resolutions reported the following:

Be it resolved by the DeWitt county republicans in convention assembled, That we heartily indorse the nomination of William McKinley and Garret Hobart as our standard bearers and the principles enunciated in the National platform, and we specially hail with enthusiasm the gold standard and tariff plank contained therein, and that we invite all patriots regardless of parties and politics to co-operate with us in their election. The committee on permanent organization presented the names of F. B. Sames, permanent chairman; H. H. Johnson, secretary, and R. F. Harper, Fritz Krueger and William Drawe as executive committee. This report was adopted after a stormy debate.

A minority report was submitted nominating J. M. Farris as chairman. Lost by a vote of 42 to 14.

The convention ended their labors in a harmonious manner and after a little additional business adjourned.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Matters Have Shaped Themselves That Kelso May Be Nominated.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—On June 15 last the democrats of the Twelfth congressional district met at New Braunfels for the purpose of naming a candidate for congress. There was but one name for them to consider, yet no nomination was made. Winchester Kelso had made the canvass and secured every instruction given. He had gone before the people as a [illegible] and money man and an advocate of protection for raw material, but with the understanding that he would abide by the action of the National convention, yet in spite of a unanimous indorsement and party outing to the uncompromising attitude of [illegible] platform [illegible] and party owing to its disinclination to anticipate the action of the National convention because of his own often expressed views he was not nominated.

When the convention met the so-called sound money men [illegible] and the silver men [illegible]. The former [illegible] that no platform should be made for Mr. Kelso [illegible] on the [illegible] that he would stand on the National platform [illegible] it might be being considered sufficient to [illegible] him. The other came in the conference that a straight 16 to 1 platform must be built for Mr. Kelso. The Texas county delegation went into the silver caucus as originally constituted, it was composed of 56 men, two-thirds of whom were supposed to be sound money advocates, but the [illegible] Bexar county delegates who showed up at New Braunfels were [illegible] and, under the unit rule, delivered the sixteen votes to which they were entitled to the silver caucus.

Mr. Kelso declared that in view of the character of the caucus he had made he would not accept a nomination on a silver platform until the National convention had [illegible] the silver men instead upon carrying and contained by a majority of two got in their work. Mr. Kelso refused to be [illegible] nomination and the convention adjourned until Saturday, August 1, without naming a candidate.

Since the New Braunfels meeting the situation has been discussed from every standpoint. Some [illegible] has been [illegible] and [illegible] that Kelso was [illegible] brought to [illegible] with the necessity of refusing a [illegible] who, knowing that the [illegible] of the National party declaration was repugnant to him, took advantage of the situation to [illegible] the nomination.

In the meantime many names have been [illegible] to come before next Saturday's [illegible] with the past week it has become apparent that it will be almost any more sentiment of the district that Mr. Kelso should be nominated. The complexion of the delegations will be somewhat different on August 1 from what it was on June 15, and it is stated that the Bexar county delegation will be almost solid for the Eagle Pass man and the with few exceptions the other counties will stand the same way. Now that the Chicago convention has taken the embarrassment of Mr. Kelso's former situation [illegible] present and there will be [illegible] the way of the [illegible] who have [illegible] to consider that he is the logical candidate in view of the action of New Braunfels. As [illegible] the [illegible] of Kelso [illegible] two men, Callaghan and Pancho of San Antonio, who can reasonably hope to defeat Noonan.

The following is a list of possibilities suggested in case Kelso is not nominated:

W. A. Fitch, W. W. Garwood and J. M. Gaggin of Eagle Pass, George W. Rose, J. P. Colon, Perry J. Lewis, M. C. Carter, Bryan Callaghan, J. I. Slayden and T. M. Paul of San Antonio; J. W. Barnes and C. H. Boss of Blanco; J. M. Allison and Captain Fulton of San Saba; W. V. Martin of Kerrville, Senower Burney of Castor Point, William Clements of New Braunfels and A. W. Moursund of Fredericksburg.

DEMOCRACY UNDAUNTED.

All the Twaddle About Being Scared Has No Effect.

Austin, Texas, July 27.—While the middle-of-the-roaders, black and tans and others are anxiously surveying the field in search of a common standing ground and moving restlessly about in the binding of incapable, revengeful and ambitious dictators and place hunters, the democracy is closing in on them with steady step and revelling in the prospect of a magnificent victory at the polls in November. Strenuous efforts have been made by disinclined democrats, whose imaginations materially their indignation, to prate and breed discord in democratic ranks, and the tory organs have gleefully announced with monotonous redundancy that the administration was daily becoming more and more terrified at the supposed progress which the opposition has been credited with making by jaundiced readers of mixed political small talk. If there has been a scare among the leaders of the Texas democracy it has evidently had a salutary effect, for they have never presented a more solid and imposing front than now.

Backed up by unwavering ranks of determined and trustworthy followers who are being rapidly and thoroughly organized they are prepared to be [illegible] of an onslaught with equanimity, assured as they are, in advance, of victory from every portion of the State, and especially from North Texas, reports are being daily received of an enthusiastic rally to the standard of democracy as well as of astonishing developments of party strength. As Judge Beacon says, "We used to get scared sometimes, some days before election," and if the Texas democracy can only manage to remain until November as "scared" as it seems to be now, there is no telling what its majority will be.

THE BLACK EAGLE

DeGraffenried Says He Has Not Been Opposed by the Administration.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—With regard to the story that he has been opposed by the administration in his race for congress in the Third district, Hon. R. C. DeGraffenried said to The Post correspondent this morning that it was too self-contradictory to need attention from himself. He supposed it had grown out of a piece of [illegible] some weeks ago to a couple of republican politicians who had unsuccessfully tried to impress upon him that the friends of Mr. Culberson were knifing him. Knowing this to be false, he paid no attention to it. As a matter of fact, he says, some of his warmest supporters are personal friends of the governor, while his relations with his excellency are more than cordial. He, for, he is free to state that the story is of a piece with other publications of a like nature which have been made for the purpose of creating the impression that there is a war going on in this State between the administration and some of the democratic leaders, and that its circulation does him a great injustice.

THE POPULIST "SUSPICIONERS."

Austin, Texas, July 29.—It is considered significant that so soon after the return of the middle-of-the-roaders from St. Louis with their threats to vote for McKinley if Sewall does not withdraw, it should be telegraphed from one end of the United States to the other that Texas, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky all considered debatable ground at National republican headquarters and that the West will be given up and an effort made to capture the above named States with populistic assistance. Of course all this may be purely coincidental, yet it has attracted the attention of those who keep up with what is going on in the political world and to them it looks as if there might have been an understanding between the republican managers and those who constituted the anti-Bryan minority in the National populist convention by the terms which some one else business moral support will be vouchsafed such Southern reform leaders as can succeed in bringing about conditions whereby the populist vote is to be delivered to McKinley. The haste with which certain middle-of-the-roaders have begun to charge that the St. Louis convention was corrupted by the silver mine owners is characteristic of these people, for they are quick to suspect one another, yet in this case there is room for the belief that the "suspicioners" are merely engaged in trying to divert attention from themselves while engaged in engineering a delivery of their party into the hands of Hanna and his agents.

FOR BRYAN.

Buck Walton Will Support the National Democratic Ticket.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—George S. Walton, whose prominence in local populistic circles is a matter of common knowledge, stated to The Post correspondent this evening that every last one of the immortal 181 who stood out against the indorsement of the democratic nominees for president and vice president at St. Louis was a populist and that it was a wonder to him no one had sense enough to inform the convention of that fact. So far as he is concerned, he will act in the same spirit the convention did in nominating Bryan and Sewall and stump Travis county in their interest. He will attend the Galveston convention and oppose the Bryan and Watson electoral ticket proposition and place himself on record as being against any attempt to divert the populist vote from Bryan and Sewall, in which that fusion will be begun in earnest in State matters. The rehabilitation of silver is, in his opinion, the only issue to be before the people now. That accomplished, it will be time enough to talk about other reforms.

Major W. M. Walton, George L. Walton and George Walling, populists of equal prominence with the gentleman quoted above, agree with him as to the importance of rallying under the silver banner and think that the only effective way to help the white metal cause is to vote for Bryan and Sewall, and a majority of the rank and file of their party is with them on that proposition.

SEGUIN COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Gonzales, Texas, July 29.—The republican county convention of this county met at Kiehne's hall yesterday. Some forty or fifty delegates were in attendance. Perry White of Gonzales was elected temporary chairman. Delegates were selected to the State, congressional and senatorial conventions.

A resolution was introduced instructing the delegates from this county to support the Hon. J. Dilworth of Gonzales for governor and to vote for him first, last and the time and a resolution was also offered, soliciting him to announce himself a candidate for the nomination. Mr. Dilworth was raised in this county, is a prominent in business circles and has many friends. He is 30 years old, about six feet tall and fleshy and is a fine specimen of humanity. If nominated he will prove a foeman worthy of his steel.

C. P. Hopkins of Waelder was elected county chairman for the next two years. Hopkins resides at Waelder, the second largest voting box in the county.

The convention was harmonious and its members were shouting for McKinley, Dilworth and prosperity.

STATE GRANGE CALL.

To the Executive Committee State Grange:

We respectfully ask that the time of holding the State Grange at Caldwell be changed from August 18 to Tuesday, September 1, 1896.

A. M. Kellar,
J. C. Coons,
H. G. Nibb,
G. B. Lundy,
J. W. Wattman,
John B. Long,
W. H. Harris,
J. C. Isbell,
Z. R. Guess,
J. W. Harvey.

To All Patrons of Husbandry:

In compliance with the above the time of the meeting of the Texas State Grange is hereby changed from August 18 to Tuesday, September 1, 1896.

A. J. Rose,
B. J. Kendrick,
W. A. Shaw,
Executive Committee.

State papers will please copy.

CALDWELL COUNTY POPS.

Lockhart, Texas, July 29.—The populists of Caldwell county are greatly agitated over the action of the St. Louis convention. They are working like bees in swarming time, and many of them are likely to quit the hive. The Post correspondent heard one prominent pop declare that he "would not go to heaven if he had to go in democratic company." It is said that another leader is organizing a McKinley club in this neighborhood. When Hon. J. M. Hornsby gets back from St. Louis to tell them what to do, there will probably be some concert of action among them. As it now, the situation is not lovely, and may seriously affect the action of their primaries on the 8th of next month.

STAYTON'S WITHDRAWAL.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—Mr. Stayton's withdrawal from the race for land commissioner is regretted by his many friends in Austin, yet they appreciate his reasons for pulling out. However, there is talk of some one else coming out, and the name of Hon. George W. Smith of Houston is being mentioned in this connection. The probability of Mr. Stayton's taking the step he has was discussed here yesterday, but no one could give any information on the subject, and it is known now that he did not decide to take it until late last night, and that very suddenly upon the advice of a friend who went to San Antonio on the evening train yesterday for the purpose of talking him out of running through.

HALCOMBE STILL RUNNING.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—H. C. Halcombe announces this evening that he is still in the race for land commissioner. Mr. Halcombe carried Grayson county overwhelmingly in the primaries and has received many assurances of support. He is a one-armed Confederate soldier and was postoffice inspector under the first Cleveland administration. He is a free silver man and was at one time an employe of the land office and is familiar with its working.

CONVERTED TO FREE SILVER.

Lockhart, Texas, July 29.—Dr. J. G. Hanks, a prominent merchant of Lockhart, and the wealthiest man of the city, who has hitherto been a single gold standard man, has written home from Colorado, where he is visiting, stating that he is now for free silver coinage and the Chicago platform. Dr. Hanks' political conversion is the subject of much favorable comment in the city, and many of his friends are rejoicing.

BRUSH'S AMBITION.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—Col. Billy Brush states that it's a seat in congress which he is after, instead of a county tax assessorship, as reported in The Post from here last Monday. He says he was duped into the Republican League club, which proposes to side with Grant because of his friendship for Cuney, and declares that he will follow the latter's lead at Fort Worth.

CUNEY AT FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth, Texas, July 29.—N. W. Cuney addressed a fair audience last night at the court house under the auspices of the McKinley and Hobart sound money club.

BOSS CUNEY'S FRIENDS.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—Judge Makemson is over in San Antonio consulting with E. H. Terrell and C. C. Clifford and other republican bosses with regard to a plan of action to be followed at the Fort Worth convention. As both of the gentlemen named are friends of Cuney, it is taken for granted that the judge is still sticking to the Galveston boss.

WALTON FOR BRYAN.

Austin Statesman.

"What will the Texas populists do now since the St. Louis convention went back on them?" was asked Major W. M. Walton yesterday.

"I don't know. It's hard to tell what they will do. I, myself, am going to vote for Bryan. I'm going to do that, no matter what course the populists take."

POP TURNS REPUBLICAN.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—John Crawford resigned his seat on the Travis county populist executive committee today and announces that he will support the republican National ticket.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

NEW FIRE COMPANY.

Austin, Texas, July 29.—A company of firemen was organized at Hyde Park last night and the following officers were elected: President, H. Rudolph; vice president, J. R. Carl; secretary, Sam Teakarden; foreman, George Smith; first assistant, Henry Schatz; second assistant, [illegible], treasurer, Mr. Plastin. There are fifty-five members on the roll.

REWARD OFFERED.

A reward of $250 was today offered by the governor for the arrest of P. R. Goodall, charged with murdering his cousin, Robert Goodall, and shooting two other men and a woman in Hopkins county on July 23, 1896. Goodall is [illegible] years old, dark complexion and between 32 and 36 years of age. He left the scene of his crime on horseback, headed toward the west.

NOTES.

The Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern railroad paid its quarterly tax on passenger earnings today, amounting to $34.85.

SUDDEN DEPARTURE.

Schrader, the Divine Healer, Left Thousands of Patients.

Dallas, Texas, July 29.—Upward of a hundred people slept last night on the cold ground around the sanctuary of Schrader, the divine healer, anxious to get early treatment at his hands. By a. m. 100 others had gathered for treatment, but the healer was nowhere to be found. He disappeared this morning, leaving the city full of cripples and people otherwise afflicted, some of whom had come from a long distance to be healed. Sixty or seventy cases of healing, some of them wonderful, have been reported, but a Post reporter has failed to locate any that could be considered miraculous. Schrader left a note at the Victoria hotel, which reads:

"I am called from here, and obey my Father's will. Frances Schrader."

Walking out of the hotel, he stated that he would be back in a day or two. He left on the Katy with a ticket for Greenville. On arriving here he identified himself with Frances Schlatter, but being confronted yesterday by W. W. Campbell, general baggage agent of the Texas and Pacific railway, who knew Schlatter, Schrader denied that he was the man. Schrader may return and vindicate himself by means of miracles, but his disappearance, coupled with the discovery that he was not Frances Schlatter, has changed the faith of thousands to mingled distrust and disgust.

ATROCIOUS CRIME.

Young Lady Outraged and Murdered by a Negro.

Washington, July 29.—A coroner's jury found James Smith, a negro waiter, guilty of the murder last night of Marguerite Drown of Point Pleasant, a large country boarding house eight miles from Washington in Prince George county. The late developments in the case have added so much horror to the crime that there are numerous threats of another Maryland lynching as soon as a convenient opportunity occurs. Smith was arrested by the Washington police today in the northeastern part of the city and in view of the excited condition of the people in Prince George county probably will be held until formal requisition is made in order to permit the excitement to be partly allayed.

The negro made two confessions, partly contradictory, but each admitting the murder. In his first confession he said that he had been intimate with the murdered girl for some [illegible] that Mr. Brown had discovered the fact and discharged him, but had re-employed him on his and the girl's promise to cease such relations and that he cut Miss Brown's throat with a knife yesterday because she rejected advances he made to her again.

The developments at the coroner's inquest tended to dispute the girl's revolting part of the story. In her first confession and the negro subsequently asserted that he had not told the truth when he said he had had relations with the girl previous to the tragedy.

BEAUMONT BUDGET.

Motion to Dissolve the Injunction Will Be Heard Monday.

Beaumont, Texas, July 29.—Attorneys of the Texarkana and Fort Smith railway have filed a motion to dissolve the injunction recently issued by the district court at Orange enjoining condemnation of crossing on the Southern Pacific main line for the Texarkana and Fort Smith by condemnation. Judge West will hear the motion in this city on August 3.

Contractor Warnecke put down a strainer in the court house square artesian well today and developed a flow of between 15,000 and 20,000 gallons per day. His contract calls for not less than 50,000 gallons per day, and he will sink the pipe deeper.

The Southern Pacific pay car arrived in Beaumont yesterday afternoon, paid off the Sabine and East Texas today and will proceed to Houston tomorrow.

The Texarkana and Fort Smith people expect to begin driving piling for the Neches river bridge tomorrow.

The McKinley Grant faction of the Jefferson county republicans will hold primaries tomorrow night.

The renomination of Congressman Cooper at Paris on Monday seems to give general satisfaction in this city. A majority of the Democrats were opposed to his financial views, but in a choice between free silver candidates Mr. Cooper was preferred.

LEG CRUSHED.

Temple, Texas, July 28.—Jim Adrian, an employe in the Santa Fe yards had a foot and leg severely bruised yesterday evening. He was walking in front of two moving cars when his pants legs caught on a spikeheaded nail, holding him a prisoner while the wheel struck his foot. No bones were broken though the injuries are severe.

YOUNG MAN'S SUICIDE.

Laredo, Texas, July 29.—George Magnon, a young man aged 21 years, committed suicide in a public house in this city. At the time of his death he was alone in the parlor and the act was committed with a pistol, the ball piercing his heart and causing almost instant death. He had been drinking heavily for some time.

FOR CATTLE THEFT.

Crockett, Texas, July 29.—J. M. Murray, white, living on the Neches river twenty-five miles east of this city, has been lodged in jail by Sheriff Waller, charged with the theft of cattle. He could not give a $200 bond.

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We wish again to call attention to the fact that we have a large department in which only the best quality of hand work is done. We are better equipped for that class of work than any other laundry in Houston, have better workmen and facilities all "thrown in." All desiring hand work have but to ask and we will do the rest. St Packard's Troy Laundry, 912 Prairie ave. Phone 232.

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Rev. A. S. Poindexter, Edna	8,887
Rev. Henry Cohen, Galveston	8,[illegible]
Rev. L. L. Lamkin, Houston	7,[illegible]
Rev. Jeff Rhodes, Woodville	4,[illegible]
Rev. Ire M. Bryce, Richmond	3,[illegible]
Rev. W. R. Campbell, Wharton	2,[illegible]
Rev. J. R. Murray, Cedar Bayou	1,[illegible]
Rev. Robert Wilson, Fort Worth	1,[illegible]
Rev. Schrimpf, Houston	1,[illegible]
Rev. Pearson H. Starr, San Angelo	[illegible]
Rev. J. C. Wilson, Waelder	[illegible]
Rev. T. H. Pearce, Devers	[illegible]
Rev. Weems Worden, Navasota	[illegible]
Rev. H. C. Wills, Hempstead	[illegible]
Rev. J. W. Stoney, Bartlett	[illegible]
Rev. W. H. Nelms, Waco	[illegible]
Rev. J. A. Baker, Edna	[illegible]
Rev. Sterling Fisher, Kyle	[illegible]
Rev. M. M. Davis, Dallas	[illegible]
Rev. R. S. Stuart, Palestine	[illegible]
Rev. John Richardson, Glendale	[illegible]
Rev. S. O. Mitchell, Galveston	[illegible]
Rev. W. J. Sims, Hallettsville	[illegible]
Rev. E. Rugely, Bay City	[illegible]
Rev. Kelly Shell, Harris county	[illegible]
Rev. E. P. Newsum, Brenham	[illegible]
Rev. W. O. Baker, Florence	[illegible]
Rev. C. Jaillet, Corpus Christi	[illegible]
Rev. V. G. Thomas, Utopia	[illegible]
Rev. G. W. Clothier, Bryan	[illegible]
Rev. E. D. Morgan, Abilene	[illegible]
Rev. B. J. Gass, Mathisville	[illegible]

The leaders in The Post's contest hold the same position as yesterday, but all show an increased vote. The Contest Editor, like all human flesh, is not infallible; he inadvertently failed to credit Bro. Poindexter with 88 votes, which number had originally been sent in by Mr. F. F. Walker for Bro. Godbey after the withdrawal of the last mentioned brother, and by order of Mr. Walker were changed to Bro. Poindexter. He is credited with 88 votes in today's summary.

Besides the votes published, the following were received and credited as below:

One hundred and four coupons for Bro. Lamkin, from Mrs. George Ellis.

Seven votes for Bro. Starr, from San Angelo, no letter or name.

Fifty votes for Bro. Jeff Rhodes, from L. B. Fulham, and 3 votes from John Reading, Richmond.

Bro. Bryce received 14 coupons from an "Old Sunset Route Rider" and 31 coupons from M. D. Fields, Richmond, Texas.

Bro. Poindexter has 30 coupons from Miss Mabia L. Holland, 5 coupons from Alice Green, Brenner Addition, and 35 votes from T. K. Burrow, Thomaston, Texas.

REV. MR. CLOTHIER'S IDEA.

To the Editor of The Post.

Bryan, Texas, July 27.—Some one mailed me a copy of the Texas Presbyterian and marked an article on the first page headed, "Preachers' Voting Contest." This paper is dated July 23 and published at Houston. The writer says among other things: "We call this a gambling scheme because it involves a transfer of values based upon a contingency." The writer winks at laugh and writes forcibly concluding thus: "There are preachers and preachers, but we are glad to see that so many of these whose names have appeared on The Post's book have approached the behoulness of the [illegible] and withdrawn so soon as possible that they may not be some partners criminis." Not long ago I wrote you that I saw no harm in it, but said "I thought it would have shown better taste in those preachers who have withdrawn if they had done so before getting so many votes and having so much time and work thrown away." This portion as above marked in quotation you saw fit to cut out, which was my main point. Hereafter if I should write, please publish all or none. Is it or is it a fact that those who have withdrawn are those who have received the largest votes up to the time of their withdrawal? Did they know previously that they were in the race? If it became a matter of conscience after a large vote, why was the conscience asleep all the time this vote was augmenting? In staying in the race so long were not others encouraged to place their names in the list? Now, to the article in the Presbyterian. I read it as it stands, and a mole hill magnified into a mountain. He quotes the words used in The Post, "all can not win," and repeats and italicizes, "All can not win, says The Post, and by so saying I declare that the transfer of the insurance policies is based upon a contingency, and this is gambling." Upon the same logic I might say that the race for the crown and for the prize written of so beautifully by the apostle Paul was based on a contingency. Was not the contingency based on the best runner—was this gambling? Do we not prove too much sometimes in our eagerness to carry a point? It is not regarded as a heinous sin to offer rewards and prizes to children based on a contingency, is this gambling? The mailed copy of this paper sent to me must have been sent on account of what I said in The Post, and the writer must regard myself and others in the list as partners criminis in a heinous sin [illegible] by The Houston Post. As I said, I am not in this race because I am too old to compete. Yet I fail to see any moral obliquity in this contest, while admitting that The Post makes business out of it and, no doubt, makes some money and affords people so disposed to elect their favorite preacher to be the recipient of a good policy of insurance. The terms used, such as "race," "win," "contest," etc., need not be construed as a gambling scheme. There is another writer in the Presbyterian that signs himself "Jack in the Pulpit." He says: "So wild and frantic has the tide become that worldly sports are offering odds on their favorite horses. Again he says: "After the contest where every sensible man knows it takes money to win it will take a considerable quantity of monumental gall for any of the contestants to pelmet a worldly man for backing his judgment on a raffle, and the small boy will play keeps in the front yard unchided by his pa, who blowed in $17 in voting for Darsen Golightly in The Post contest. The values of morality of some ministers are being built on the Mother Hubbard plan and are flexible and they fit powerful loose." It may be possible that if Rev. "Jack in the Pulpit" was to preach some of this pointed philippic at some of his members that need it, there would be perhaps either some reformation or he would be asked for his resignation and would be looking for another job. Too many preachers are given to shooting at evil at long range and try their hand at game far off when there is abundance near home that could be killed with smaller shot. All this thunder about the heinousness of the sin in this contest is on the order of building a man of straw and magnifying it into the proportions of a giant so as that Rev. "Jack in the Pulpit" can figure as a bona fide giant killer like that other Jack we read about. And the mountain labored, heaven and earth shook, and lo! a mouse crawled out!

Geo. E. Clothier.

53 COUPONS FROM GOLIAD, TEXAS.

Goliad, Texas, July 28.—Contest Editor: Find enclosed 53 coupons, which please place to the credit of Rev. L. L. Lamkin of Houston. Hoping he will be successful in the contest, I remain, as ever, your friend, Delia Thompson.

WAKE UP, YE EPWORTH LEAGUERS.

Eagle Lake, Texas, July 27.—Contest Editor: Here are 75 more Eagle Lake votes for Rev. W. R. Campbell of Wharton. Wake up, ye Epworth Leaguers and Methodists! It is over a month until the contest closes, and if we will but put our shoulders to the wheel and labor unceasingly and systematically we yet stand a good chance to place our candidate in the lead. Only a small per cent of the coupons are being voted, so let us get to work and collect all we can. W. L. Hester asks those who supported Mr. Godbey to vote for Mr. Poindexter, since Mr. Godbey has withdrawn. Mr. Godbey was running as the Epworth League candidate, and from that reason we think we have a better right to ask his friends to throw their support to Brother Campbell. I would like to hear from John Benner of Lufkin. Look out for more coupons from Eagle Lake.

Brunster Gilmer.

SEND IN VOTES MORE RAPIDLY.

Richmond, Texas, July 29.—Contest Editor: Inclosed find 50 coupons; please place same to credit of my favorite, Rev. Ire M. Bryce of Richmond. I hope his friends will send in votes more rapidly and bring him up. His little friend,

Earnest W. Farmer.

WHY NOT MAKE IT INTERESTING?

Conroe, Texas, July 28.—Contest Editor: Please find inclosed 15 coupons for Bro. J. R. Murray, Cedar Bayou. We hope everybody will vote for the leaders. Why not make this contest interesting. I will write again soon. Respectfully,

Annie Price.

TO THE MANOR BORN.

Contest Editor: Please count inclosed coupons for the all Texas candidate, Rev. J. R. Murray, an eloquent, pious minister and a native born Texan, who loves his State and is proud of her. It is because of this last mentioned fact that I sincerely wish him success, though he deserves every honor for the many souls he has helped to a nobler life. Texan.

HIS LITTLE FRIEND SENDS 22.

Columbia, Texas, July 29.—Contest Editor: Inclosed find 22 coupons, which please place to the credit of Rev. I. M. Bryce of Richmond, Texas. Wishing The Post and Bro. Bryce all success, I am, his little friend,

Miss Kate Lavinia Sweeney.

60 FROM HIS VICTORIA FRIENDS.

Victoria, Texas, July 29.—Contest Editor: Inclosed find 60 coupons, which please place to the credit of Rev. Henry Cohen of Galveston, Texas. From his Victoria friends. Respectfully,

L. S. Alexander.

50 FOR BRO. CAMPBELL.

Wharton, Texas, July 28.—Contest Editor: Inclosed find 50 votes. Please place to the credit of Rev. W. R. Campbell of Wharton, Texas. More to follow. Very respectfully,

J. P. Taylor.

81 FROM ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., July 28.—Contest Editor: Today I send 81 coupons for Rev. H. Cohen of Galveston. Have collected all here and taken great time in doing so, hoping to send more next time. I am the little boy that send the parting bunch in your city. My parents take The Houston Post daily. Success to Rev. H. Cohen and The Post, from the little boy.

Arthur Leidesinger,
2831 Frankline Ave.

WHY STAND YE HERE IDLE?

Cedar Bayou, Texas, July 28.—Contest Editor: Enclosed please find 36 coupons, which place to the credit of Rev. J. R. Murray of Cedar Bayou. Wake up, you Houston Methodists: "Why stand ye here idle?" Clip your coupons for Rev. Murray and carry him through this contest. He is in every way worthy of your support. Let us hear from you. More to follow. Respectfully,

A Friend.

BOTH POPULAR AND DESERVING.

Hockley, Texas, July 27.—Contest Editor: Enclosed you will find 108 coupons; please count and place to the credit of Rev. Weems Worden of Navasota, the faithful, untiring presiding elder of the Huntsville district, a man well worthy your liberal offer, being both popular and deserving, and I hope his many friends will rally to his support. Long live The Post.

A Friend.

A BROTHER-IN-LAW TO THE BAPTISTS.

Signer, Texas, July 26.—Contest Editor: I am not a Baptist, but a brother-in-law to the Baptists, so please count the inclosed 50 coupons for Bro. A. S. Poindexter of Edna. Now, friends, should you see no chance for your own favorite, just lay aside your "denominational loyalty for awhile and practice interdenominational fellowship by voting for Bro. Poindexter, as he is up close to the top notch, thereby causing him to win. Yours respectfully,

French O. Smith.

MORE TO FOLLOW.

Patterson, Texas, July 27.—Contest Editor: Enclosed please find 41 coupons, which place to the credit of Rev. W. R. Campbell of Wharton. More to follow the contest closes. His friends,

Mrs. Dr. H. P. Donaman,
Mattie Donaman.

FOR THE DRUMMERS' CANDIDATE.

Marlin, Texas.—Contest Editor: Enclosed please find 4 coupons in favor of Rev. Homer T. Wilson of Fort Worth.

Miss Pringle.

27 VOTES FOR BRO. LAMKIN.

Waelder, Texas, July 28.—Contest Editor: Please find enclosed 27 votes for Rev. L. D. Lamkin. I hope he will soon be in the lead, and now let all of his friends send in their coupons and I will send in more soon. Your unknown friend,

Lou Walker.

BRO. NELMS OF WACO GETS 29.

Taylor, Texas, July 27.—Contest Editor: Please place the enclosed 29 coupons to the credit of Rev. W. L. Nelms of Waco.

Mrs. R. H. Eams.

45 FOR BRO. POINDEXTER.

Navasota, Texas.—Contest Editor: Enclosed find 45 coupons, which please place to the credit of Rev. A. S. Poindexter of Edna. Yours respectfully, J. D. F.

FAITHFUL WORK WILL DO IT.

Dayton, Texas, July 28.—Contest Editor: Find enclosed 36 coupons for Bro. Murray. I hope Bro. Murray's friends will work faithfully and push him to the front. Will send more in a few days. Dayton friends. Mrs. Effie Wilson.

THE PRIZES.

One $500 life policy in the Northwestern Life Assurance Company paid up for ten years to the minister of the gospel in Harris county receiving the largest number of coupon votes.

One $500 life policy paid up for ten years in the Northwestern Life Assurance Company to the minister of the gospel in Texas outside of Harris county receiving the largest number of coupon votes.

One $500 life policy paid up for ten years in the Northwestern Life Assurance company to the minister of the gospel in Texas outside of Harris county receiving the second largest number of coupon votes.

These policies are fully paid up for ten years from the date of issue, after which time the holders can renew from year to year without further examination or expense at the regular rates for renewable ten year policies.

While it is impracticable to explain in detail, in these columns, the very liberal terms of the policies issued by the Northwestern Life Assurance company, readers of The Post will be cheerfully informed as to any particular regarding the form of the policy by calling upon or writing to either J. N. Gambrell, general agent for South and East Texas, room 31 Mason block, Houston, or Dr. T. E. Cranfill, General State Agent, Waco, Texas.

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

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